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## **AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application PCT/JP99/00633, filed February 12, 1999, it being further noted that priority is based upon Japanese Patent Application 10-226296, filed August 10, 1998.—

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## **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendment to the specification is presented to perfect priority.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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